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SUBJECT: A Message from the President.....Information from Victory Garden Headquarters at the United States Department of Agriculture

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First of all, I'd like to read you a statement made recently by the President. He said, "During the past three years, every American who has played a part in the job of growing, conserving, harvesting, distributing and processing our food supply has done a magnificent job.

As we enter a new year, the demands for our food at home and abroad are so great that it is essential for every man and woman to do everything to help in the huge task of getting the food produced and seeing that it is conserved and shared. Many of our favorite foods are scarce.

"To this end, I ask the people in cities, towns and villages to assist our farmers in every possible way to reach the food goals which have been set for this year.

"I call upon the millions of victory gardeners who have done so much to swell the nation's food supply in these war year to continue their good work.....

"I ask the millions of women who have preserved food at home so that our armed services could have the fruits and vegetables they need, to carry on until the war is won.....

"I know I can count on the American people to respond to these calls to action, so that we can all truly continue to say when the war is won that our food has played an important role in the fight for freedom."

To what the President said, I want to add only one thing. The gardening experts of the United States Department of Agriculture say that now's the time for us to begin work on this year's victory gardens.

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